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Applicants: MAKINO et al

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims;

Amendments to the Abstract; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.